

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An immunoassay for detecting exposure to *Leishmania* parasites in a subject comprising the steps of:
 - contacting a sample from the subject suspected of having leishmaniasis with a soluble antigen prepared by culturing the *Leishmania* parasites in a protein-free medium comprising an oncotic agent; and
 - detecting the presence or measuring the amount of an antibody [or fragment thereof] in the sample bound to the soluble antigen.

Please cancel claims 9-10, 21-26, 28, and 30-40, without prejudice or disclaimer, as being directed to a non-elected invention.